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Emmerich Stoffel is secretary of the Executive Committee of the German Anti-Fascist Committee and ministerial counselor in the Ministry of Nationalities of the Rumanian government. He has been entrusted with the task of "resolving the problem of the German minority in Rumania in a democratic manner." Stoffel was born 1913 in the town of Ca Kovec, in the Banat. His mother was a milliner. At the age of 18 he was arrested for revolutionary activity and imprisoned in Brasov and elsewhere. He languished in prison after prison until 23 August 1944 when the Soviets presented him with the order of "Defense of the Nation, Third Class," and "Star of the Republic, Fourth Class." He has been a member of the Rumanian Communist Party since 1934. His actual influence is far greater in Rumania today than his official titles suggest.

Phillip Geltz is second in importance to Emmerich Stoffel in Rumania's German Anti-Fascist Committee. He is a member of the Grand National Assembly. As a 16-year-old worker in the "Zeiler" factory at Arad he participated in a strike for higher wages. In 1919, he joined the Hungarian Bela Kun's Red Army in Hungary. When Kun was suppressed, Geltz was imprisoned in Nyiregyhaza. In 1923, he returned to Rumania, joined the Communist Party in Bucharest, and took part in all party activities. In 1928, he was arrested. In 1943, he was liberated from prison by the victorious Soviet troops, and taken to the USSR. Geltz remained there one year and was sent back to Rumania with the task of organizing the German Anti-Fascist Committee.

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